(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the areas which would provide these jobs;

(d) whether any timeframe has been set to create/generate the jobs in consultation with State Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) A Task Force under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary was set up with a view to provide atleast one lakh jobs over a period of two years for the unemployed youth in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. The Task Force has identified potential of creation of 1.5 lakh employment/self employment opportunities during August 2003–August 2005 which will ensure creation of atleast one lakh jobs.

(c) Agriculture, Handloom and Handicrafts, Industry, Tourism and Travel, Education and Health, Large infrastructure projects (roads and railways), Information Technology and Telecommunication and Central sector/Centrally sponsored schemes are among the important sectors identified for this purpose.

(d) and (e) Creation of 1.5 lakh employment/self employment opportunities is envisaged during the period August 2003–August, 2005.

One crore job per year

984. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed persons on live register as on the 31st March, 2000 and 31st March, 2004;

(b) whether previous Government had actually given one crore of job each year during their period; and

(c) if not, the actual position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Number of jobseekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the live register of employment exchanges in the country as on 31st March, 2000 and 31st March, 2004 were 403.14 and 408.71 lakh respectively.

(b) and (c) Estimates of employment generated during the above period will be available after the results of the quinquennial survey 2004-05 by National Sample Survey Organisation are published.

Rehabilitation of rescued bonded labourers

985. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court in a recent judgement has expressed utter disappointment about the rehabilitation of the rescued bonded labourers and has directed Government to pay adequate attention thereto;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its order dated 5.5.2004 in WP(C) No. 3922 of 1985, Public Union for Civil Liberties *Vs.* State of Tamil Nadu and others has expressed concern that adequate consideration is not given in rehabilitation and related aspects of bonded labour and *inter alia*, directed the States/UTs to submit status report on identification, release and rehabilitation of Bonded Labour to National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in the prescribed form, constitute Vigilance Committees at the District and Sub-Divisional levels in accordance with Section 13 of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 within a period of six months, chalk out a detailed plan for rehabilitation of released bonded labourers either by itself or with the involvement of organizations or NGOs having a good reputation with basic facilities for rehabilitation of these bonded labourers, make arrangements to sensities the District Magistrates and other authorities working for rehabilitation of Bonded Labour etc.

(c) The States/UTs have been requested to comply with the directions of the Supreme Court and submit status report on identification, release and rehabilitation of bonded labour to the NHRC on regular basis.